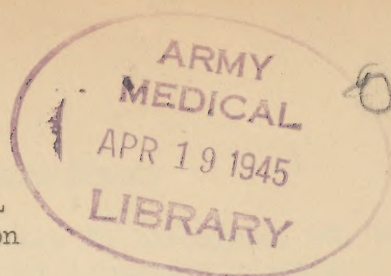


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EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR ARMY DOCTORS

Since the start of World War II, over 6,000 selected medical officers have been graduated from short but intensive courses given by the Medical Department in some thirty critical medical and surgical specialties, according to Major General George F. Lull, Deputy Surgeon General. In addition, refresher courses in general medicine and surgery provide medical officers with a chance to "brush up" before returning to professional assignments after other duty.

Many doctors also benefit while in service from working under key professional personnel in military hospitals. Other medical officers who have been on duty with combat troops in the field are given an opportunity to brush up on their specialty through the rotation policy.

General Lull reported that 350 doctors have been reassigned from field to hospital duty during the past year in the Mediterranean Theater and "the merit of intra-theater rotational plans has been pointed out to other theaters, and is being encouraged in order that the maximum number of doctors might receive refresher training while they are still in military service."

Naturally, professional training of medical corps officers during military service must be restricted to meet military rather than civilian requirements. However, General Lull said, The Surgeon General is keenly interested in the welfare of these doctors and will provide "insofar as is possible" opportunities for professional training.

In the post war period, he added, all doctors will be entitled to professional training, after their release from service, under the G. I. Bill of Rights, and those who remain in the Army will have the opportunity for refresher training at selected military hospitals and civilian schools.

General Kirk Presents Award to Col. Lanza

Major General Norman T. Kirk, The Surgeon General, personally presented the Legion of Merit Medal to Colonel Anthony J. Lanza, MC, retired, of New York City, who, until recently, was Director of the Occupational Health Division, Preventive Medicine Service, Office of The Surgeon General. The presentation ceremony took place April 2, at the Office of The Surgeon General, Washington, D. C.

FAVORABLE REPORTS ON TRENCH FOOT

Reports from the Army general hospitals at Camp Butner, N. C., and Camp Carson, Colo., which are trench foot treatment centers, indicate that the cases now under treatment are for the most part mild. Lieutenant Colonel Roy H. Turner, MC, Acting Director, Medical Consultants Division, Office of The Surgeon General, who recently returned from an inspection trip, stated that, with the exception of a very small percentage of cases, evidence of injury to the feet is slight and recovery is both rapid and exceedingly satisfactory.

The mildness of trench foot cases now being hospitalized is largely due, in the opinion of Colonel Turner, to the Army's intensified education of troops concerning trench foot which has resulted in the prompt reporting of cases, early diagnosis, and immediate treatment.



## MAJOR LIVINGOOD, NEW CONSULTANT IN DERMATOLOGY

The appointment has been announced of Major Clarence S. Livingood, MC, as Consultant in Dermatology to The Surgeon General. Major Livingood recently returned from overseas where he had been stationed at a general hospital in the India-Burma Theater since 1942. While there he received the Legion of Merit for outstanding work in dermatology. He received his medical degree in 1936 from the University of Pennsylvania and had intensive training in dermatology as Resident on the service of Dr. John Stokes of Philadelphia. He was subsequently associated with Colonel Donald M. Pillsbury, MC, of Philadelphia, who is now Chief Consultant in Dermatology in the European Theater.

Major Livingood is co-author with Colonel Pillsbury of the Manual of Dermatology which is widely used by the Army Medical Department.

## SERVICE COMMAND CONSULTANTS IN MEDICINE TRANSFERRED

Colonel Vern R. Mason, former Consultant in Medicine of the Ninth Service Command is now on duty overseas as Medical Consultant of the Pacific Ocean Area.

Colonel Irving S. Wright, MC, former Consultant in Medicine, Sixth Service Command, is now Consultant in Medicine, Ninth Service Command; Colonel Alexander Marble, former Chief of Medical Service, Harmon General Hospital, is now Medical Consultant, Sixth Service Command; and Lieutenant Colonel Worth B. Daniels is now Chief of Medical Service at Harmon General Hospital, Longview, Texas.

## PREVENTION OF INSTRUMENT CORROSION WINS AWARD FOR MAJOR CALAMARI

Major Joseph A. Calamari, SnC, of New York City, has been awarded the Legion of Merit for "Services from August 1943, through December 1943. In the course of his duty as Laboratory Officer, Army Medical Purchasing Office, he noted through official correspondence the increasing incidence of corrosion occurring in both stainless steel and plated carbon steel surgical instruments, both in storage and in the field, frequently causing failure or impairing the usefulness of the instruments to a serious degree. He initiated and carried to successful conclusion an extensive twofold research program to determine the causes of the corrosion and devised a method of prevention, conducting this work after regular duty hours and without assistance. This resourcefulness and initiative resulted in the development of a method of treatment for surgical and dental instruments which will protect their maximum usefulness and prevent corresponding loss to the Government."

## More Medical Administrative Officers Graduated

The seventeenth class of officer candidates, composed of a selected group of enlisted men from the Medical Department, was graduated from Carlisle Barracks last month. The graduates won their commissions as Second Lieutenants in the Medical Administrative Corps on the basis of merit and outstanding performance of duty. Immediately after the exercises they left to take over their administrative duties, thereby relieving medical and dental officers for professional duty.

## EXPENDABLE REFRIGERATORS PROLONG LIFE OF WHOLE BLOOD

Whole blood, flown from this country to the European Theater of Operations, keeps in condition for transfusions 5 days longer than formerly, or as long as 21 days, because of a new system of refrigeration inaugurated this month, according to the Office of The Surgeon General.

The bottled blood is now being flown overseas daily in compact, expendable ice-boxes made of metal foil on cotton insulating board which keep the blood within safe temperatures: between 39 and 50 degrees fahrenheit. The containers, measuring 21 x 21 x 25 inches, weigh only 105 pounds when carrying their full capacity of 24 bottles. Each bottle contains about a pint and a half of whole "O"-type blood.

An elaborate system has been set up overseas to complete delivery. The blood is flown to focal points in all forward areas. Blood bank detachments at these points service all Communications Zone medical installations in the area and truck the blood farther forward to advance detachments which deliver it to the operating surgeons.



(EXPENDABLE REFRIGERATORS PROLONG LIFE OF WHOLE BLOOD, Continued)

Brigadier General Fred W. Rankin, USA, Director of the Surgical Consultants Division, Office of The Surgeon General, stated that whole blood plays such a vital role in the saving of lives that anything extending its use is of prime importance.

COLONEL LUNDEBERG WINS LEGION OF MERIT

Colonel Karl R. Lundeborg, MC, of Washington, D.C., has been awarded the Legion of Merit for work performed while he was Chief of the Epidemiology Division, Preventive Medicine Service, Office of The Surgeon General.

The citation reads, "For exceptional meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from January, 1941, to November, 1944, in initiating and supervising the development of new methods for the improved control of communicable diseases in the Army with particular reference to the development of the present program for vaccination against infectious diseases and the general control of infectious diseases among troops. To this development of preventive medicine in the Army Colonel Lundeborg has contributed original ideas and directions. A tireless worker with a great fund of knowledge and experience he has been responsible for many of the improved advances in modern military preventive medicine."

Medical Unit Wins Plaque

The 911th Technical Service Unit, SGO, Detachment No. 1, Medical Supply Services School of the St. Louis Medical Depot, has been awarded the Meritorious Service Unit Plaque for "superior performance and outstanding devotion to duty in connection with administration and operation of the Maintenance and Repair Division of the Medical Supply Service School during the year 1944."

LIEUTENANT CORNELIA WYCKOFF DIES WHILE ON LEAVE

Lieutenant Cornelia Ann Wyckoff, MC, age 28, of New York City, died on March 27, after a short illness, while on leave in New Orleans, La. She had been stationed at Foster General Hospital, Jackson, Mississippi.

Lieutenant Wyckoff was graduated from Bryn Mawr College in 1937 and received her M.D. degree from the New York University College of Medicine in 1941. Before she entered the Army in February of 1944, Lieutenant Wyckoff was assistant in medicine at Bellevue Hospital in New York City. She was a member of the honorary medical fraternity, Alpha Omega Alpha.

FOUR MEDICAL CORPS COLONELS NAMED FOR PROMOTION

Four Medical Corps colonels have been named recently for promotion to the rank of brigadier general, they are:

COLONEL GEORGE R. CALLENDER, MC, of Everett, Mass., Director of the Army Medical School, Army Medical Center, Washington, D.C., and Assistant Commandant, Medical Department Professional Service Schools.

COLONEL WILLIAM S. HART, MC, York, S.C., Surgeon, Eighth Service Command, Dallas, Texas.

COLONEL WILLIAM D. HURLEY, MC, of Tulsa, Okla., Surgeon, Third Army, APO 403, New York.

COLONEL ISIDORE S. RAVDIN, MC, Philadelphia, Pa., Commanding Officer of the Twentieth General Hospital in India.

COLONEL GORDON BECOMES CHIEF OF MEDICAL SERVICE AT PICKETT

Lieutenant Colonel Burgess L. Gordon, MC, has been appointed Chief of the Medical Service at the new U. S. Army General Hospital at Camp Pickett, Virginia. Colonel Gordon was formerly assistant to the chief of the Administration Branch, Hospital Division, Office of The Surgeon General.



# RECENT PROMOTIONS, MEDICAL CORPS OFFICERS

## Lieutenant Colonel to Colonel

HAROLD BENEDICT GATAAS, SnC, Chapel Hill, N.C.  
 GILBERT HENRY MARQUARDT, MC, Chicago, Ill.  
 CLAUDE RAYMOND MAUZY, DC, Tucson, Ariz.  
 FRANK SCOZZARI ADAMS, MC, Tampa, Fla.  
 GEORGE SLADCZYK, MC, Port Arthur, Tex.  
 RALPH ENCK STONE, MC, Connelville, Pa.

## Major to Lieutenant Colonel

ROBERT TURNER ALLISON, JR., MC, Akron, Ohio  
 WILLIAM CARL BECK, MC, Chicago, Ill.  
 ALFRED CLIFFORD BAIDEN, MC, Pelham, N.Y.  
 MYLES PIERCE BAKER, MC, Brookline, Mass.  
 RICHARD COAR BOYER, MC, Chicago, Ill.  
 MARK McDONOUGH BRACKEN, MC, Pittsburg, Pa.  
 JOHN EDWARD BENTLEY, MC, Madison, Wisc.  
 JOHN FLETCHER BOETTNER, MC, Cleveland, Ohio  
 MAXWELL GLEN BERRY, MC, Kansas City, Mo.  
 JAMES GERAD CONTE, JR., MC, Chicago, Ill.  
 THOMAS STEWART COTTON, MC, Hornell, N.Y.  
 HAROLD FEE CORSON, MC, Stockbridge, Mass.  
 JAMES JOSEPH CALLAHAN, MC, Oak Park, Ill.  
 HAROLD MARK DANA, MC, West Detroit, Mich.  
 WILLIAM BENJAMIN DAVIS, MC, Detroit, Mich.  
 DAVID ERNEST EHRLICH, MC, Brooklyn, N.Y.  
 EDMUND MURDAUGH ELLERSON, MC, Staunton, Va.  
 MILTON JOSEPH EISEN, MC, New York, N.Y.  
 GEORGE BROUGHTON FOOTE, DC, Perry, Ga.  
 ADAM JAMES FRENCH, MC, Ann Arbor, Mich.  
 JAMES PARKES GRIER, MC, Evanston, Ill.  
 CHARLES FREDERICK GOOD, MC, Cleveland, Ohio  
 HYMAN SAMSON GORDON, MC, Coal City, Ill.  
 PAUL PETER HARASIMOWICZ, MC, Gardiner, Mass.  
 HOMER VINCENT HARTZELL, JR., MC, Seattle, Wash.  
 ERVIN ARTHUR HENDS, MC, Denver, Colo.  
 ELLIS JOHN HUEY, MC, Memphis, Tenn.  
 COLEMAN CARNEGIE JOHNSTON, MC, Lexington, Ky.  
 MYRON SHELBY JARED, MC, Seattle, Wash.  
 THEODORE SPAULDING KIMBALL, MC, Glendale, Calif.  
 KARL DER KASPARIAN, MC, Dorchester, Mass.  
 HUGH EDWARD KIENE, MC, Providence, R.I.  
 CLAIR MICHAEL KOS, MC, Boston, Mass.  
 DANE JOSEPH LYONS, MC, Seminole, Okla.  
 ROBERT PINKERTON LYTLE, MC, Cleveland, Ohio  
 PAUL HAROLD MILTON, MC, Decatur, Ga.  
 MAURICE ISAAC MARKS, JR., MC, Atlanta, Ga.  
 THOMAS WILSON MARTIN, MC, Pittsburgh, Pa.  
 WALTER HERMAN MENDEL, MC, Haverstraw, N.Y.  
 HARRY ARCHER MILLER, MC, Baltimore, Md.  
 GORDON EDMUNSON MENZIES, MC, Wickford, R.I.  
 FRANK DE LEE NAEGELI, MC, Philadelphia, Pa.  
 RUTH ELEANOR PARSONS, ANC, Green River, Wyo.  
 BERNARD LYNN PELTON, MC, Toledo, Ohio  
 JOSEPH FRANK PETERS, MC, S. Charleston, W.Va.  
 FLOYD RUSSEL PARKER, MC, Fayetteville, Dewitt, N.Y.  
 PHILIP EUGENE PONS, MC, New York, N.Y.  
 STUART NILES ROWE, MC, Pittsburgh, Pa.  
 HERBERT WILLIAM RATHE, MC, Waverly, Iowa  
 CHARLES RUSSELL SCHAEFER, MC, Pittsburgh, Pa.  
 WALTER MAXIMILIAN SOLOMON, MC, Shaker Heights, Ohio  
 KENNETH McLANE SMITH, MC, Columbus, Ohio  
 LLOYD WILSON TAYLOR, MC, Hugo, Okla.  
 HERBERT CHARLES WALLACE, MC, Saginaw, Mich.  
 JAMES ROSE WATSON, MC, Carnegie, Pa.  
 WARREN ANDREW WILSON, MC, Venice, Calif.  
 CHARLES WILMER WIRTS, JR., MC, Philadelphia, Pa.  
 JAMES ROBERT WILSON, MC, Thomas, Ga.  
 MOSES GEORGE WINOGRAD, DC, Chicago, Ill.  
 FONSOE MARION BOLIN, VC, Fargo, N.D.  
 HARRY RUYLE LANCASTER, VC, Albuquerque, New Mexico  
 WILLIAM MARTIN HERRIN, JR., SnC, Miami, Fla.  
 CHARLES LUDWICK GILBERT, MAC, Oklahoma City, Okla.  
 LLOYD MARION BARGER, DC, Kansas City, Mo.  
 WILLIAM TORRENCE BARTO, DC, Hartford, Conn.  
 GEORGE B. GELLER, DC, Brooklyn, N.Y.



## LIEUT. COL. ELLIOTT S. A. ROBINSON, PROMOTED

Lieutenant Colonel Elliott S. A. Robinson, MC, internationally known scientist and Assistant Chief of the Preventive Medicine Service, Office of The Surgeon General, has been promoted to the rank of Colonel.

When Colonel Robinson entered the Army in 1942, the Medical Department was in a critical period of expansion and he was assigned the task of organizing the Army medical laboratories and directing their activities. The present high efficiency of these laboratories is largely due to his personal efforts, according to Brigadier General James S. Simmons, Chief of the Preventive Medicine Service.

As a special consultant in immunology to The Surgeon General, Colonel Robinson also passed on all new immunization procedures adopted by the Army, assisting The Surgeon General in evaluating all new discoveries and advances in this field.

Prior to entering the Army, Colonel Robinson was for 18 years associated with the Division of Biologic Laboratories, Massachusetts State Department of Health, where his work won him world-wide renown.

## MAJOR VOGEL ADDRESSES PT GRADUATES

Major Emma E. Vogel, PT, Director of Physical Therapists, Office of The Surgeon General, addressed the graduating class of physical therapists who received their commissions as Second Lieutenants at Walter Reed General Hospital this month. In telling about her recent inspection trip in the European Theater, she said, "It is my belief that the most important function of physical therapists in our overseas hospitals is to demonstrate to the medical world the value of early exercise and static contraction of muscles to prevent atrophy and deformity."

## NEW TYPE AMBULANCE

An improved ambulance, which will carry twelve instead of four litter cases in greater comfort, has been developed at the request of The Surgeon General by the Ordnance Department in collaboration with the Army Medical Department. By May 31 twenty-five of these new ambulances will be carrying casualties from ships and planes to Army Hospitals.

The new ambulance has an aluminum body with a front wheel drive which allows the bed of the truck to be placed lower, making it easier to move patients in and out. It is smoother riding than the old type and provides such refinements as a heater for use in cold weather, roof ventilating fans to keep the air fresh, window shades to provide privacy in traffic and individual electric lights over each litter. There are ample compartments for bedding and utensils. A comfortable seat is provided the attendant next to the driver. Both sit enclosed with the patients.

## COLONEL THORNDIKE ATTENDS CANADIAN CONFERENCE

At the invitation of the Director General of Medical Services of the Canadian Army, Colonel Augustus Thorndike, MC, Director, Reconditioning Consultants Division, Office of The Surgeon General, attended a conference on Convalescent Conditioning Centers last month. Colonel Thorndike reports that the Canadian Conditioning Centers are much like those in the United States, stressing a combination of physical, educational and occupational therapy, but that patients treated at these centers are mainly training casualties, most of the returned battle casualties in Canada being under the jurisdiction of what corresponds to our Veterans Administration.

## Dr. Burch Appointed Consultant

Dr. George E. Burch, Associate Professor of Experimental Medicine, Tulane University School of Medicine, New Orleans, Louisiana, has been appointed Civilian Consultant to The Surgeon General for diseases of peripheral blood vessels with particular emphasis on trench foot and allied conditions.



## COLONEL COOK, DIRECTOR OF OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH DIVISION

Lieutenant Colonel William L. Cook, Jr., MC, has been assigned as Director of the Occupational Health Division, Preventive Medicine Service, Office of The Surgeon General, succeeding Colonel Anthony J. Lanza, who was recently retired from active duty.

Colonel Cook received his M.D. degree from the Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons in 1934. At the time he entered the Army in 1942, he was engaged in private practice in Pittsburgh, Pa., specializing in internal medicine and cardiology, and was medical consultant for the Westinghouse Electrical and Manufacturing Company of that city.

## FULL QUOTA OF OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY STUDENTS ENROLLED

Army emergency courses for occupational therapists will be terminated as soon as those already scheduled for June and July have been completed, according to Mrs. W. C. Kahmann, Chief of the Occupational Therapy Branch of the Reconditioning Consultants Division, Office of The Surgeon General. The courses were initiated last year to overcome a serious shortage of occupational therapists in Army hospitals, she explained, but the full quota of students -- 700 -- has now been enrolled.

## Conference of Army Sanitary Engineers

A conference of service command sanitary engineers was held at the Office of The Surgeon General, April 9-12. Major General Norman T. Kirk, The Surgeon General, and Brigadier General James S. Simmons, USA, Chief, Preventive Medicine Service, delivered the welcoming addresses.

Subjects discussed at the conference included water supply and treatment, sewage, preventive medicine service, insect and rodent control, and administration. Other officers of The Surgeon General's Office who participated were Lieutenant Colonel J. J. Gilbert, SnC, Captain J. B. Baty, SnC, Major W. F. Ashe, MC, Major G. J. Dammin, MC, Lieutenant Colonel O. R. McCoy, MC, Lieutenant Colonel A. L. Ahnfeldt, MC, Captain R. S. Taggart, SnC, and Colonel W. A. Hardenbergh, SnC.

## COLONEL HISCOCK AWARDED LEGION OF MERIT

Colonel Ira V. Hiscock, MC, who at the time of his retirement from active duty last week was in charge of the Public Health Section, Economics and Relief Branch of the Civil Affairs Division, has been awarded the Legion of Merit for his work in typhus control in liberated countries. His organization and the prompt action taken by him, the citation declared, "prevented the serious consequences which might have resulted from the dangers of the disease to which our troops were exposed."

Formerly professor of Public Health in the Yale School of Medicine, Colonel Hiscock is returning to New Haven to become Chairman of the Public Health Department of Yale University.

## HARMON GENERAL HOSPITAL IS TROPICAL DISEASE CENTER

Harmon General Hospital at Longview, Texas has been designated for the treatment of tropical diseases. The only other Army tropical disease center is Moore General Hospital at Swannanoa, N.C.

The medical staff of Harmon General Hospital has for some time been engaged in a study of relapsing malaria which has resulted in a permanent contribution to the knowledge of the disease, according to Lieutenant Colonel Francis R. Dieuaide, MC, Chief of the Tropical Disease Branch, Medical Consultants Division, Office of The Surgeon General. This study is now being extended to other tropical diseases which are rare in this country, such as filariasis, schistosomiasis and dysentery.

The Commanding Officer of Harmon General Hospital is Colonel Gouverneur V. Emerson, MC, Lieutenant Colonel Worth B. Daniels, MC, is Chief of the Medical Service and Lieutenant Colonel Stuart W. Lippencott, MC, is Chief of the Laboratory Division.



ARRIVALS, OFFICE OF THE SURGEON GENERAL

CAPTAIN MILTON TURNER, AC, of Cleveland Ohio, formerly at Lincoln Army Air Field, Lincoln, Neb., assigned to Technical Information Division.

DEPARTURES, OFFICE OF THE SURGEON GENERAL

LIEUTENANT COLONEL GERARD A. BELANGER, PC, of West Warwick, Rhode Island, Issue Division, Supply Service, assigned to Toledo Medical Depot, Toledo, Ohio.

NEW ASSIGNMENTS, OFFICE OF THE SURGEON GENERAL

COLONEL GEORGE M. POWELL, MC, and LIEUTENANT COLONEL HAROLD C. LIETH, MC, as representative from the Office of The Surgeon General to attend the meetings of the committee on Postwar Medical Planning of the American Medical Association.

LIEUTENANT COLONEL ARTHUR C. BAIDEN, MC, Chief, Professional Inquires Unit, Professional Administrative Service.

MAJOR EDWARD A. LEW, MAC, Assistant Director, Medical Statistics Division, Professional Administrative Service.

CAPTAIN FRANK A. WECK, MAC, Chief, Statistical Analysis Branch, Medical Statistics Division, Professional Administrative Service.

LIEUTENANT ROBERT G. MYERS, Statistics Division, Professional Administrative Service.